

REMARKS

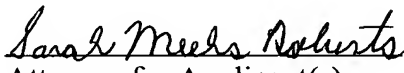
Claims 13-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention. The Applicants have amended the specification in a manner which should obviate this rejection. The amendment is made solely to provide clear antecedent basis for the term "the aqueous phase".

Claims 1-4, 7-16 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Liang et al. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

The Examiner has stated that "The instant claims would be allowable if the aqueous phase is limited to a solution of the carboxyvinyl polymer as supported on page 8 of the specification." In order to expedite prosecution, Applicants have amended the independent claims as suggested by the Examiner.

In light of the above remarks and amendments, Applicants respectfully request that the amended claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,


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